

## MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GreenStone Farm Credit Services  
Corporate Offices, Training Conference Room  
3515 West Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823

**JUNE 15, 2011**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | 1.  | <b>Call to Order and Roll Call</b>   |
|            | 2.  | <b>Approval of Agenda</b> (action item)  |
|            | 3.  | <b>Approval of Minutes</b> from the April 13, 2011, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)  |
|            | 4.  | <b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b> (information only)<br>July 19, 2011 at Geagley Laboratory, East Lansing  |
|            | 5.  | <b>Commissioner Travel</b> (action item)   |
| 9:05 a.m.  | 6.  | <b>Commissioner Comments</b>   |
| 9:15 a.m.  | 7.  | <b>Director's Report</b>   |
|            | 8.  | <b>Director's Travel</b>   |
| 9:35 a.m.  | 9.  | <b>Public Comment on Agenda Items (only)</b><br>In accordance with the Public Appearance Guidelines in the Commission Policy Manual, individuals wishing to address the Commission will be allowed up to three minutes for their presentation. Documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The public comment time provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment. |
| 9:45 a.m.  | 10. | <b>Exporter of the Year Award and Commission Resolution:</b> Jamie Zmitko-Somers, International Marketing Manager, Agriculture Development Office (action item)  |
| 9:55 a.m.  | 11. | <b>Budget Update:</b> Amy Epkey, Budget Officer (information only)   |
| 10:05 a.m. | 12. | <b>Broadband Development in Michigan:</b> Eric Swanson, Director, Center for Shared Solutions and Technology Partnerships, Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (information only)  |
| 10:25 a.m. | 13. | <b>Merit Network Broadband Development:</b> Donald Welch, Ph.D., President and CEO, Merit Network, Inc. (information only)   |



- 10:45 a.m. 14. **Rural Development Transportation Projects:** Michael Leon, Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Program Manager, Michigan Department of Transportation (information only)
- 11:05 a.m. 15. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 11:15 a.m. 16. **P.A. 116 Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison, Rich Harlow, Farmland Preservation Manager, and Tonia Ritter and Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau (information only)
- 11:35 a.m. 17. **Rural Development Strategy:** Gordon Wenk, Chief Deputy Director (action item)
- 11:45 a.m. 18. **Bovine Tuberculosis Advisory Committee:** James Averill, Director, Animal Industry Division (action item)
- 11:50 a.m. 19. **Commissioner Issues**
- Commission Resolution – James J. Harrington Retirement (action item)
  - Commission Resolution – Karl F. Hausler Retirement (action item)
- 12:05 p.m. 20. **Public Comment**  
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- 12:20 p.m. 21. **Adjourn**